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New Midwest Snips® Offset Power Cutter® Snip Cuts Faster, Easier on Corrugated/Raised Panel Metal Roofing and Siding

Sturgis, Michigan, March 16, 2009 -- Midwest Tool And Cutlery Company has introduced the Offset Power Cutter® model to its Power Cutter® family of long blade aviation snips. The Offset Power Cutter® snip design makes long cuts faster and easier on corrugated/raised panel metal roofing and siding and features a 2-3/8-inch cut length and one-inch wide opening at the blade tip. The offset blade pattern keeps hands safely above the working surface and sharp edges and allows the snip to be easily advanced without interference from the material when making long cuts. The Offset Power Cutter® saves metal building contractor's time by cutting easier, faster and safer.

The Made in USA Offset Power Cutter® (Model No. P6516) features hot drop-forged blades manufactured of molybdenum alloy steel that provide unmatched strength and durability and the longest lasting cutting edge. Hot drop-forged blades readily cut sheet metal all the way to the tip of the blade. Rated cutting capacity is 20-gauge cold rolled sheet metal.

The Midwest Snip® Power Cutter® family includes three long blade compound leverage aviation snip models: Offset Long Cut model P6516, Serrated Long Cut model P6716-AS and Long Cut model P6716-A. The P6716-AS Serrated Power Cutter® features deep blade edge serrations that hold soft materials for improved cutting of rubber, plastic, wood and similar materials. The P6716-A Power Cutter® model is a traditional long blade aviation snip that cuts a wide variety of materials and is rated to cut up to 20 ga. cold rolled sheet metal.

About Midwest Tool and Cutlery Company

Midwest Tool and Cutlery Company manufactures the Midwest Snips® brand of aviation snips, tinner snips, specialty snips and related hand tools at manufacturing facilities located in Sturgis and Kalkaska, Michigan. The key characteristic of Midwest Tool and Cutlery Company's traditional models of tinner snips and the company's complete line of aviation snips is the hot drop-forging process. Hot drop-forged blades cut better, hold a cutting edge longer and are stronger than the cast or stamped blades used by other manufacturers.

The Midwest Snips® product line includes folding and bending tools, cable cutters and other specialty snips and hand tools used in HVAC/R, industrial, construction, siding, roofing, and related trades.

Visit www.midwestsnips.com for additional product and distributor information.

Application Notes for Editors:

Midwest Snips® aviation snips, specialty snips, tinner snips, HVAC/R sheet metal tools and specialty tools are widely used in the following trades/applications:

- Metal building construction and maintenance
- Metal roofing and siding installation
- General construction, maintenance and repair
- Exterior remodeling industry (roofing, siding, gutter and down spout installation and repair)
- Floor covering installation
- RV/Motor home/trailer manufacturing
- Auto body repair
- General sheet metal cutting
- Industrial /MRO applications
- HVAC/R installation and repair

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Captions:

1. *P6516 Product Photo: The Midwest Snips® Offset Power Cutter® makes long cuts faster and easier on corrugated/raised panel metal roofing and siding due to features including a 2-3/8-inch cut length, one inch wide blade tip opening and offset blade pattern. Made in USA.*